infection; to obtain accurate information on magnitude of infection in different risk groups over different periods.

Government of India has identified and strengthened 13 hospitals for clinical management of HIV infected AIDS/cases in the country; established HIV testing centres for diagnostic screening and screening of donated blood in different cities; prepared detailed guidelines for upgrading hospital infection control standards.

Rehabilitation of women trapped in urban areas

170. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken so far particularly during the last one year to settle the unfortunate women who have been trapped in urban areas to lead immoral life: and

(b) what are Government's plans for rehabilitating these women?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUM. MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) and (b) The problems of such women trapped in prostitution is the concern of the State Governments as 'Social Defence' falls within the State Sector. Even so, the Central Social Welfare Board organised a National Conference on Prostitutes and their children in the month of June 1990. One of the recommendations made therein was to strengthen protective homes run by the State Governments and Union Territories. As part of observance of 1990 as the SAARC Year of the Girl Child, the Department of Women & Child Development sanctioned Rs. 18.56 lakhs to the Central Social Welfare Board as one time assistance to strengthen 16 Protective Homes in 11 States and the Union Territory of Delhi.

Non-payment of PF/Gratuity dues of retired/expired teachers of Government School, Patel Nagar

171. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3119 given in the Rajya Sabha on 4th September, 1990 and state:

(a) what are the reasons for inordinate delay in settling the cases regarding payment of Provident Fund/gratuity dues to retired/expired teachers of Government School, Patel Nagar, New Delhi; and

(b) what steps are contemplated by Government for expeditious settlement of the dues to mitigate the hardships?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) The Delhi Administration have intimated that the delay in settling the pension case of Km. Snehlata Paul has been due to the delay in receipt of papers from the claimant. The Delhi Administration have also intimated that the payment of Provident Fund dues has now been made. As regards the gratuity, the bill was submitted to the Pay & Accounts Office on 25.2.1991, which was received back on 17.4.1991 with some objections. The P&AO again returned the bill in June, 1991 with further objections which are being settled by Delhi Admn. in consultation with the Principal Pay & Accounts Office.

Reimbursement of Family Welfare Funds to Andhra Pradesh Government

172. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have not re-imbursed funds for family welfare schemes implemented by the Government of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) what are the details of amounts claimed by Andhra Pradesh Government which are pending with the Central Goernment; and

(c) what are the reasons for not clearing the claims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI): (a) to (c) The amount due to the State Government is allowed only on receipt of audited figures of expenditure from the State Accountant General. An amount of Rs. 212.00 lakhs which was clear from all objections has been reimbursed to the State Government in March, 1991.

Further claims of State Government will become reimbursable on receipt of audited figures from State Accountant General.

Proposal to establish additional bench of Kerala High Court in North Kerala

173. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have under its consideration any proposal to establish an additional Bench of Kerala High Court in North Kerala; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) No, Sir. In their letter dated 2.4.1985, the Government of Kerala stated that they had not taken a final view regarding the setting up of a bench of the Kerala High Court. No further communication has been received from the State Government in this regard.

(b) Does not arise.

Acceptance of Acharya Ram Murthy Committee recommendations on Education System

174. SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accepted the recommendations of Shri Ram Murthy Committee on making vital changes in educational system;

(b) if so, by when they would be implemented and whether any time frame has been worked out in this regard; and

(c) whether Government propose to change the calendar of the acedemic year so that students may be absorbed during vacation on agriculture and allied jobs?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) The recommendations made by the NPE Review Committee (Acharya Ramamurthy Committee) are under examination.

(c) At present the Government have no proposal for changing the calendar of the academic year. However, it is for the concerned Boards of School Education and the Universities to decide about the academic calendar.

Stoppage of export of raw cotton

175. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to completely stop the export of raw cotton, so that country can export more value added goods;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?